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Animal Shelter to Kickoff New Hours with Super Sunday

January 11, 2010 – Waterford, VA – Loudoun County Animal Care & Control will be changing its hours of operation effective February 1, 2010.

The change will affect times that the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be open for lobby services, animal adoption, as well as the hours that phone service is available for animal related inquiries.

The Animal Shelter will now be **open on Sundays** for pet adoption and other services. In addition, the mobile adoption vehicle will be at **Petco in Sterling every Thursday evening** from 3:00-7:00pm.

The Animal Shelter will be closed on Thursday and Friday, however phone service will be available from 8:00am-6:00pm. Pet owners looking to reclaim stray animals may do so by appointment on those days.

"We believe that our new hours will maximize our service to the public at times that are most convenient to their schedules," said Animal Care & Control Director Thomas Koenig. "By opening on Sunday, and adding evening hours in Sterling, we are hoping to reach a larger segment of our population and continue our commitment to serve the community."

To kickoff the new hours, the Animal Shelter will host a **Super Sunday** adoption event on **Sunday, February 7, from 12:00-4:00pm**. Adopters are encouraged to come to the shelter before the big game to find their own MVP (most valuable pet). All dogs and cats adopted on Super Sunday will receive **free spay/neuter surgery** (as needed).

New hours of operation for the Loudoun County Animal Shelter are listed below:

	LOBBY HOURS	ANIMAL ADOPTION HOURS
MONDAY	10:00am-6:00pm	12:00pm-6:00pm
TUESDAY	10:00am-6:00pm	12:00pm-6:00pm
WEDNESDAY	10:00am-8:00pm	12:00pm-8:00pm
THURSDAY	CLOSED	CLOSED*
FRIDAY	CLOSED	CLOSED
SATURDAY	10:00am-4:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm
SUNDAY	10:00am-4:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm

*Mobile pet adoptions will take place at **Petco** (22000 Dulles Retail Plaza, Sterling, VA) from 3:00-7:00pm every Thursday.

Phone lines will be open for animal control services and general inquiries during the following hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00am-6:00pm, Wednesday 8:00am-8:00pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Shelter information & directions can be found at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

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